

This Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos poll was conducted among 2,589 U.S. adults, Feb. 12-17, 2026, via the probability-based Ipsos KnowledgePanel®. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus two percentage points for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. The error margin is plus or minus 2.2 points for the sample of 2,087 registered voters. Sampling error is not the only cause of differences in polls. Sampling, fieldwork and data processing were provided by Ipsos Public Affairs.

Where noted, trend comparisons are to random-digit-dialed telephone surveys (“CATI mode”) by The Washington Post and ABC News or others. Questions were reformatted as of January 2024 given the change to a self-administered online questionnaire. Differences from previous results may reflect mode effects.

See full methodological details at the end of this document.

In the tables below, asterisks in data columns indicate <0.5 percent. “Skipped” shows the share of respondents who skipped the question in online administration. “Skipped/No opinion” shows the share of respondents who skipped the question or who selected an explicit “no opinion” option in online administration. Respondents interviewed via telephone were able to volunteer a “no opinion” response. Phrases surrounded by parentheses within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

| | ----- Approve ----- | | | ----- Disapprove ----- | | | No opinion |
|----------------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | /Skipped |
| 2/17/26 | 39 | 19 | 21 | 60 | 13 | 47 | 1 |
| 10/28/25 | 41 | 20 | 20 | 59 | 13 | 46 | * |
| 9/15/25* | 43 | 21 | 22 | 56 | 14 | 43 | 1 |
| 4/22/25** | 39 | 21 | 19 | 55 | 11 | 44 | 5 |
| 2/18/25 | 45 | 27 | 19 | 53 | 13 | 39 | 2 |
| Previous term: | | | | | | | |
| 1/13/21*** | 38 | 27 | 10 | 60 | 8 | 52 | 2 |
| 10/9/20 | 44 | 30 | 13 | 54 | 9 | 45 | 3 |
| 9/24/20 | 44 | 28 | 16 | 53 | 8 | 46 | 2 |
| 8/15/20 | 43 | 29 | 15 | 55 | 7 | 47 | 2 |
| 7/15/20 | 39 | 28 | 11 | 57 | 9 | 48 | 3 |
| 5/28/20 | 45 | 32 | 12 | 53 | 11 | 42 | 3 |
| 3/25/20 | 48 | 34 | 15 | 46 | 11 | 35 | 6 |
| 2/17/20 | 43 | 31 | 12 | 53 | 11 | 42 | 4 |
| 1/23/20 | 44 | 35 | 10 | 51 | 9 | 42 | 4 |
| 10/30/19 | 38 | 30 | 8 | 58 | 10 | 48 | 5 |
| 9/5/19 | 38 | 27 | 11 | 56 | 8 | 48 | 6 |
| 7/1/19 | 44 | 32 | 12 | 53 | 8 | 45 | 3 |
| 4/25/19 | 39 | 28 | 12 | 54 | 9 | 45 | 6 |
| 1/24/19 | 37 | 28 | 9 | 58 | 9 | 49 | 5 |
| 11/1/18 | 40 | 28 | 12 | 53 | 9 | 43 | 8 |
| 10/11/18 | 41 | 29 | 12 | 54 | 7 | 46 | 6 |
| 8/29/18 | 36 | 24 | 12 | 60 | 7 | 53 | 4 |
| 4/11/18 | 40 | 25 | 15 | 56 | 10 | 46 | 4 |
| 1/18/18 | 36 | 24 | 13 | 58 | 9 | 49 | 5 |
| 11/1/17 | 37 | 25 | 12 | 59 | 8 | 50 | 4 |
| 9/21/17 | 39 | 26 | 13 | 57 | 9 | 48 | 4 |
| 8/20/17 | 37 | 22 | 15 | 58 | 13 | 45 | 5 |
| 7/13/17 | 36 | 25 | 11 | 58 | 10 | 48 | 6 |
| 4/20/17 | 42 | 27 | 15 | 53 | 10 | 43 | 5 |

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**April 2025 and previous Washington Post-ABC News.

**"No opinion" option was listed as a response option; results account for an initial approval question and follow-up asking whether respondents lean towards approval/disapproval.

***"has handled." 2021 and previous in CATI mode.

Compare to: Looking back, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job when he was president?

| | ----- Approve ----- | | | ----- Disapprove ----- | | | Skip/ |
|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | No opinion |
| 8/13/24 | 44 | 23 | 20 | 49 | 10 | 39 | 7 |
| 7/9/24 | 43 | 22 | 21 | 52 | 11 | 41 | 6 |
| 4/30/24 | 44 | 22 | 22 | 50 | 11 | 39 | 7 |
| 1/8/24 | 41 | 19 | 22 | 53 | 12 | 40 | 7 |
| 9/20/23* | 48 | 33 | 14 | 49 | 8 | 41 | 3 (If no |

opinion or question: Which way do you lean on how Trump handled his job as president? Leaners are netted with somewhat.)
*2023: CATI mode

Questions 2-3 held for later release.

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling each of the following?

2/17/26 - Summary table among U.S. adults

| | Approve | Disapprove | Skipped |
|--|---------|------------|---------|
| a. The economy | 41 | 57 | 2 |
| b. Immigration | 40 | 58 | 2 |
| c. Tariffs on imported goods | 34 | 64 | 2 |
| d. U.S. relations with other countries | 35 | 62 | 2 |
| e. Inflation | 32 | 65 | 2 |
| f. The immigration situation at the U.S.-Mexico border | 47 | 50 | 2 |

(Items c-f randomized)

Trend, where available:

a. The economy

| | ----- Approve ----- | | | ----- Disapprove ----- | | | Skipped |
|--------------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | |
| 2/17/26 | 41 | NA | NA | 57 | NA | NA | 2 |
| 10/28/25 | 37 | NA | NA | 62 | NA | NA | 1 |
| 9/15/25* | 40 | NA | NA | 59 | NA | NA | 1 |
| 4/22/25 | 39 | NA | NA | 61 | NA | NA | 1 |
| 2/18/25 | 45 | NA | NA | 53 | NA | NA | 2 |
| 10/9/20 RV** | 54 | 40 | 14 | 45 | 11 | 34 | 1 |
| 9/24/20 RV | 51 | 38 | 13 | 46 | 11 | 35 | 3 |
| 9/24/20 | 52 | 36 | 16 | 45 | 13 | 32 | 3 |
| 7/15/20 | 50 | 36 | 14 | 47 | 11 | 36 | 3 |
| 5/28/20 | 52 | 37 | 15 | 44 | 13 | 30 | 4 |
| 3/25/20 | 57 | 38 | 19 | 38 | 13 | 24 | 6 |
| 2/17/20 | 52 | NA | NA | 40 | NA | NA | 7 |
| 1/23/20 | 56 | NA | NA | 38 | NA | NA | 6 |
| 9/5/19 | 46 | NA | NA | 47 | NA | NA | 7 |
| 7/1/19 | 51 | NA | NA | 42 | NA | NA | 6 |
| 10/11/18 | 49 | 35 | 14 | 46 | 11 | 35 | 5 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 8/29/18 | 45 | 30 | 15 | 47 | 12 | 36 | 8 |
| 4/11/18 | 46 | 30 | 16 | 48 | 12 | 36 | 6 |
| 9/21/17 | 43 | 27 | 16 | 49 | 13 | 36 | 8 |
| 7/13/17 | 43 | 26 | 17 | 41 | 12 | 29 | 16 |

*Sept. 2025 Washington Post-Ipsos, all others Post-ABC.

**Oct. 2020 and previous: CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

b. Immigration

| | ----- Approve ----- | | | ----- Disapprove ----- | | | Skipped |
|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | |
| 2/17/26 | 40 | NA | NA | 58 | NA | NA | 2 |
| 10/28/25 | 43 | NA | NA | 56 | NA | NA | 1 |
| 9/15/25* | 44 | NA | NA | 55 | NA | NA | 1 |
| 4/22/25 | 46 | NA | NA | 53 | NA | NA | 1 |
| 2/18/25 | 50 | NA | NA | 48 | NA | NA | 3 |
| 7/1/19** | 40 | NA | NA | 57 | NA | NA | 2 |
| 4/25/19 | 39 | 29 | 10 | 57 | 11 | 46 | 4 |
| 9/21/17 | 35 | 24 | 11 | 62 | 11 | 51 | 3 |

*Sept. 2025: Washington Post-Ipsos, all others Post-ABC.

**July 2019 and previous: CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

c. Tariffs on imported goods

| | Approve | Disapprove | Skipped |
|-----------|---------|------------|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 34 | 64 | 2 |
| 10/28/25* | 33 | 65 | 1 |
| 9/15/25** | 34 | 64 | 2 |
| 4/22/25 | 34 | 64 | 1 |

*Half sample

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d. U.S. relations with other countries

| | Approve | Disapprove | Skipped |
|-----------|---------|------------|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 35 | 62 | 2 |
| 10/28/25* | 40 | 59 | 1 |
| 4/22/25 | 38 | 61 | 1 |

*Half sample

e. Inflation

No trend for Trump, Biden trend:

| | Approve | Disapprove | Skipped |
|----------|---------|------------|---------|
| 3/9/24 | 31 | 66 | 3 |
| 10/14/23 | 29 | 69 | 3 |
| 1/21/23 | 31 | 67 | 1 |
| 8/6/22 | 29 | 69 | 2 |
| 6/4/22 | 28 | 71 | 1 |
| 4/9/22 | 29 | 69 | 1 |
| 3/12/22 | 29 | 70 | 1 |
| 1/29/22 | 29 | 69 | 2 |
| 12/11/21 | 28 | 69 | 3 |

f. No trend.

Questions 5-7 held for later release.

8. Who do you trust to do a better job handling each of the following?

2/17/26 - Summary table among registered voters

| | Trump | The Democrats in Congress | Neither | Both equally | Skipped |
|--|-------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| a. Immigration | 38 | 34 | 24 | 3 | 1 |
| b. Reducing the cost of living in the U.S. | 32 | 31 | 33 | 4 | 1 |

(Items randomized)

Trend where available:

a. Immigration

| | Trump | The Democrats in Congress | Neither | Both equally | Skipped |
|---------|-------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 38 | 34 | 24 | 3 | 1 |
| 7/2/18* | 30 | 38 | 24 | 7 | 1 |

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b. No trend.

9. Do you think Trump is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is he out of touch? (Randomized with Q10)

| | In touch | Out of touch | Skipped |
|----------|----------|--------------|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 35 | 64 | 1 |
| 10/28/25 | 36 | 63 | 1 |
| 4/22/25 | 39 | 60 | 1 |
| 8/29/18* | 34 | 63 | 3 |
| 4/20/17 | 38 | 58 | 4 |

Compare to: Obama

| | | | |
|---------|----|----|---|
| 3/2/14 | 48 | 49 | 2 |
| 4/14/13 | 51 | 46 | 2 |

*2018 and previous in CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

10. Do you think the Democratic Party is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is it out of touch? (Randomized with Q9)

| | In touch | Out of touch | Skipped |
|-----------|----------|--------------|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 34 | 64 | 2 |
| 10/28/25 | 30 | 68 | 2 |
| 4/22/25 | 30 | 69 | 1 |
| 11/10/21* | 33 | 62 | 5 |
| 8/29/18 | 40 | 51 | 9 |
| 4/20/17 | 28 | 67 | 6 |
| 3/2/14 | 48 | 48 | 4 |
| 4/14/13 | 43 | 51 | 6 |

*2021 and previous in CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

11. Do you think these do or don't apply to Trump?

2/17/26 - Summary table among U.S. adults

| | Applies | Does not apply | Skipped |
|--|---------|----------------|---------|
| a. He is honest and trustworthy | 29 | 70 | 2 |
| b. He has the mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president | 43 | 56 | 1 |
| c. He is in good enough physical health to serve effectively as president | 48 | 51 | 1 |

d. He is a strong leader 48 51 2
 (Items randomized)

Trend:

a. He is honest and trustworthy

| | Applies | Does not apply | Skipped |
|-------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 29 | 70 | 2 |
| 9/15/25 | 33 | 66 | 1 |
| 1/8/24* | 26 | 70 | 4 |
| 5/3/23 | 33 | 63 | 5 |
| 5/28/20 | 35 | 62 | 3 |
| 10/30/19 | 31 | 63 | 6 |
| 1/24/19 | 36 | 61 | 2 |
| 11/1/17 | 33 | 65 | 2 |
| 4/20/17 | 38 | 58 | 4 |
| 10/13/16 RV | 34 | 64 | 3 |
| 9/22/16 | 38 | 57 | 5 |
| 9/8/16 | 31 | 64 | 4 |
| 8/4/16 | 34 | 62 | 4 |
| 3/6/16 | 27 | 69 | 4 |
| 9/10/15** | 35 | 59 | 6 |

* 2024 and previous: CATI mode; "Do you think Trump... or not?" Response options: Yes/No/(Volunteered no opinion).

**"Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not: He is honest and trustworthy."

b. He has the mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president

| | Applies | Does not apply | Skipped |
|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 43 | 56 | 1 |
| 9/15/25 | 47 | 52 | 1 |
| 1/8/24* | 47 | 50 | 3 |
| 5/3/23 | 54 | 43 | 4 |
| 5/28/20 | 46 | 52 | 2 |

* 2024 and previous: CATI mode; "Do you think Trump... or not?" Response options: Yes/No/(Volunteered no opinion).

c. He is in good enough physical health to serve effectively as president

| | Applies | Does not apply | Skipped |
|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 48 | 51 | 1 |
| 9/15/25 | 54 | 45 | 1 |
| 1/8/24 | 57 | 40 | 3 |
| 5/3/23* | 64 | 28 | 8 |

*2023: CATI mode; "Do you think Trump... or not?" Response options: Yes/No/(Volunteered no opinion).

d. He is a strong leader

| | Applies | Does not apply | Skipped |
|----------|---------|----------------|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 48 | 51 | 2 |
| 9/15/25 | 51 | 48 | 1 |
| 5/28/20* | 50 | 49 | 1 |
| 10/30/19 | 44 | 54 | 2 |
| 1/24/19 | 48 | 51 | 1 |
| 11/1/17 | 40 | 59 | 1 |
| 4/20/17 | 53 | 45 | 2 |

* 2020 and previous: CATI mode; "Do you think Trump... or not?" Response options: Yes/No/(Volunteered no opinion).

12. Since taking office, do you think Trump has (acted within his authority as president) or (gone beyond his authority as president)?

| | Acted within his authority | Gone beyond his authority | Skipped |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 33 | 65 | 2 |
| 9/15/25 | 36 | 62 | 1 |
| 4/22/25 | 40 | 60 | 1 |
| 2/18/25 | 40 | 57 | 3 |

13. Do you think the Trump administration is or is not committed to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms?

| | Committed to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms | Not committed to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms | Skip |
|---------|--|--|------|
| 2/17/26 | 43 | 56 | 2 |
| 4/22/25 | 45 | 55 | 1 |

Compare to:

Do you think the Trump administration is or is not committed to protecting the rights and freedoms of each of the following? (Half sample)

10/28/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

| | Committed to protecting their rights and freedoms | Not committed to protecting their rights and freedoms | Skipped |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---------|
| a. People who are Democrats | 42 | 56 | 3 |
| b. People who are Republicans | 65 | 32 | 3 |
| c. Americans overall | 48 | 50 | 2 |

("Committed to protecting their rights and freedoms" and "not committed to protecting their rights and freedoms" were randomized, as were items a and b)

14. Do you think Trump is using the presidency to enrich himself?

| | Yes | No | Skipped |
|---------|-----|----|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 62 | 36 | 2 |
| 9/15/25 | 56 | 42 | 1 |

15. In deporting undocumented immigrants, do you think Trump is (going too far), is (not going far enough), or is handling it about right?

| | Going too far | Not going far enough | Handling it about right | Skip |
|-----------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 2/17/26 | 58 | 12 | 28 | 1 |
| 10/28/25* | 50 | 15 | 34 | 1 |
| 4/22/25 | 48 | 16 | 34 | 1 |

*Both 2025 questions were asked in multi-item series

16. In general, do you support or oppose Trump using the U.S. military to force changes in other countries?

| | Support | Oppose | No opinion /Skipped |
|---------|---------|--------|---------------------|
| 2/17/26 | 20 | 54 | 26 |

17. Do you support or oppose the Trump administration recommending fewer vaccines for children?

| | Support | Oppose | No opinion /Skipped |
|---------|---------|--------|------------------------|
| 2/17/26 | 21 | 53 | 26 |

Questions 18-19 held for later release.

20. How transparent, if at all, do you think the Trump administration has been in releasing government files from the investigation of Jeffrey Epstein?

| | - More transparent -- | | | ---- Less transparent ---- | | | No opinion |
|---------|-----------------------|------|----------|----------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| | NET | Very | Somewhat | NET | Not too | Not at all | /Skipped |
| 2/17/26 | 26 | 10 | 16 | 56 | 15 | 41 | 17 |

21. When a federal law enforcement agency wants to forcibly enter someone's home, should they need to get approval from a judge, or is approval from the federal agency enough?

| | Need to get approval from a judge | Approval from the federal agency is enough | Skipped |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---|---------|
| 2/17/26 | 77 | 20 | 3 |

Question 22 held for later release.

23. Would you say the country's economy has gotten better since Trump became president in January 2025, gotten worse, or remained about the same?

| | ----- Better ----- | | | ----- Worse ----- | | | Remained | |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|-------------------|-------|---------------|----------|------|
| | NET | Much better | Better | NET | Worse | Much worse | the same | Skip |
| 2/17/26 | 29 | 12 | 17 | 48 | 26 | 21 | 22 | 1 |
| 10/28/25 | 27 | 9 | 18 | 52 | 26 | 26 | 20 | 1 |
| 4/22/25 | 21 | 5 | 16 | 53 | 28 | 25 | 25 | 1 |
| 2/24/22* | 17 | 5 | 12 | 54 | 17 | 38 | 27 | 1 |
| 10/30/19** | 44 | NA | NA | 22 | NA | NA | 31 | 3 |
| 9/9/12*** RV | 32 | NA | NA | 43 | NA | NA | 24 | 1 |

*2022 and previous in CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

Biden, **Trump, *Obama

24. Would you say you, yourself, are better off financially than you were when Trump became president in January 2025, not as well off, or in about the same shape financially?

| | Better off | Not as well off | About the same | Skip |
|----------|------------|-----------------|----------------|------|
| 2/17/26 | 22 | 33 | 44 | 1 |
| 10/28/25 | 18 | 37 | 45 | 1 |
| 4/22/25 | 10 | 41 | 48 | 1 |
| 11/1/18* | 25 | 13 | 60 | 2 |

Compare to: Biden

| | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|---|
| 11/1/24 | 16 | 42 | 42 | 1 |
| 10/8/24 | 18 | 44 | 37 | 1 |
| 7/9/24 | 17 | 42 | 41 | 1 |
| 4/30/24 | 16 | 43 | 40 | 1 |
| 1/8/24 | 13 | 43 | 41 | 3 |
| 9/20/23 | 15 | 44 | 39 | 1 |
| 2/1/23 | 16 | 41 | 42 | 1 |
| 2/24/22 | 17 | 35 | 47 | 1 |

| | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|---|
| Obama | | | | |
| 9/22/16 | 29 | 25 | 45 | 2 |
| 1/15/15 | 25 | 25 | 49 | 2 |
| 10/12/14 | 22 | 30 | 46 | 2 |
| 10/28/12 LV | 22 | 33 | 45 | 1 |
| 9/9/12 RV | 20 | 32 | 47 | * |
| 5/20/12 RV | 17 | 31 | 51 | 1 |
| 1/15/12 RV | 15 | 31 | 53 | 1 |
| 11/3/11 RV | 13 | 35 | 51 | 1 |
| 9/1/11 RV | 14 | 36 | 50 | 1 |
| 7/18/09 | 8 | 27 | 64 | * |

| | | | | |
|------------|----|----|----|---|
| G.W. Bush | | | | |
| 10/5/04 LV | 30 | 30 | 40 | 1 |
| 10/29/03 | 22 | 27 | 50 | 1 |
| 9/13/03 | 21 | 30 | 49 | * |
| 8/11/03 | 17 | 25 | 58 | 1 |

| | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|---|
| Clinton | | | | |
| 6/11/00 | 34 | 14 | 50 | 2 |
| 7/19/98 | 30 | 15 | 52 | 3 |
| 3/1/98 | 32 | 9 | 57 | 1 |
| 6/23/96 | 29 | 22 | 49 | 0 |
| 2/27/94 | 12 | 17 | 71 | * |

| | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|---|
| G.H.W. Bush | | | | |
| 1/17/93 | 27 | 28 | 44 | 1 |
| 8/9/92 | 22 | 32 | 45 | 1 |
| 6/7/92 | 19 | 32 | 49 | * |
| 3/11/92 | 20 | 33 | 46 | 1 |
| 2/2/92 | 19 | 31 | 49 | * |
| 12/15/91 | 17 | 33 | 49 | * |
| 10/21/91 | 20 | 27 | 53 | 1 |
| 3/4/91 | 19 | 18 | 63 | 1 |

| | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|---|
| Reagan | | | | |
| 1/16/89 | 42 | 18 | 39 | 1 |
| 1/18/87 | 37 | 23 | 40 | 1 |
| 9/8/86 | 41 | 20 | 39 | 1 |

*Sept. 2023 and previous in CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

Questions 25-30 held for later release.

31. There are about 14 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States. Would you support or oppose an effort by the federal government to deport all these undocumented immigrants and send them back to their home countries?

| | ----- Support ----- | | | ----- Oppose ----- | | | No opinion |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | /Skipped |
| 2/17/26 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 48 | 25 | 23 | 3 |
| 2/18/25* | 51 | 27 | 24 | 45 | 23 | 22 | 4 |
| 10/8/24** | 56 | 32 | 24 | 43 | 22 | 21 | 1 |
| 3/6/16*** | 36 | 23 | 12 | 61 | 19 | 42 | 4 |
| 11/19/15 | 42 | 29 | 13 | 55 | 21 | 34 | 2 |

**11 million"

**ABC-Ipsos; 2024 and previous: "at least 11 million"

***2016 and previous in CATI mode

32. Do you support or oppose expanded operations by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to detain and deport undocumented immigrants in the United States?

| | ----- Support ----- | | | ----- Oppose ----- | | | No opinion |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | /Skipped |
| 2/17/26 | 40 | 23 | 17 | 53 | 15 | 38 | 8 |
| 10/28/25* | 45 | 27 | 17 | 46 | 13 | 33 | 9 |

*Asked in multi-item series

33. Do you support or oppose the tactics ICE is using to enforce immigration laws?

| | ----- Support ----- | | | ----- Oppose ----- | | | No opinion |
|---------|---------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | /Skipped |
| 2/17/26 | 31 | 17 | 13 | 62 | 12 | 50 | 7 |

34. Would you support or oppose each of the following?

2/17/26 - Summary table among U.S. adults

| | ----- Support ----- | | | ----- Oppose ----- | | | No op |
|--|---------------------|---------|----------|--------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| | NET | Strngly | Somewhat | NET | Smewhat | Strngly | /Skip |
| a. Abolishing ICE, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency | 37 | 23 | 14 | 50 | 16 | 34 | 13 |
| b. Replacing Department of Homeland Security director Kristi Noem | 44 | 37 | 8 | 23 | 6 | 16 | 33 |
| c. Denying federal funds to 'sanctuary cities' that limit cooperation with ICE (Items randomized) | 38 | 26 | 12 | 46 | 11 | 35 | 17 |

Trend where available:

a-b: No trend

c. Denying federal funds to 'sanctuary cities' that limit cooperation with ICE

| | ----- Support ----- | | | ----- Oppose ----- | | | No op |
|----------|---------------------|---------|----------|--------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| | NET | Strngly | Somewhat | NET | Smewhat | Strngly | /Skip |
| 2/17/26 | 38 | 26 | 12 | 46 | 11 | 35 | 17 |
| 2/10/25* | 41 | 27 | 13 | 40 | 12 | 28 | 19 |

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35. How concerned, if at all, are you that federal immigration enforcement agents could arrest or detain...

2/17/26 - Summary table among U.S. adults

| | -- More concerned -- | | | ----- Less concerned ----- | | | Skip |
|---|----------------------|------|----------|----------------------------|---------|------------|------|
| | NET | Very | Somewhat | NET | Not too | Not at all | |
| a. A close friend or family member | 33 | 15 | 18 | 66 | 19 | 47 | 1 |
| b. Someone else you know (Response options shown in reverse order for half sample) | 40 | 19 | 21 | 59 | 20 | 40 | 1 |

NET 35a. and 35b.

| | | |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Very/Somewhat concerned | Not too/Not at all concerned |
| 2/17/26 | 42 | 58 |

36. What's your own personal reaction to immigration enforcement in Minnesota? Are you:

| | | | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|---------|
| | --- Not concerned/Concerned --- | | | ----- Upset/Angry ----- | | | |
| | NET | Not concerned | Concerned but not upset | NET | Upset but not angry | Angry | Skipped |
| 2/17/26 | 44 | 23 | 21 | 54 | 17 | 37 | 2 |

(Response options shown in reverse order for half sample)

37. Of the immigrants who were deported from the U.S. since January 2025, how many do you think were violent criminals?

| | | | | | | | |
|---------|-------------------------|------------|------|----------------------------|----------------|------------|---------|
| | ---- More than half --- | | | ----- Less than that ----- | | | |
| | NET | Nearly all | Most | NET | Less than half | Hardly any | Skipped |
| 2/17/26 | 27 | 7 | 21 | 70 | 37 | 33 | 3 |

(Response options shown in reverse order for half sample)

Question 38 held for later release.

39. Would you describe yourself as a supporter of the MAGA movement, or not?

| | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| | | Supporter | Not a supporter | Skipped |
| 2/17/26 | | 26 | 70 | 4 |
| | Republicans & Rep leaners | 54 | 42 | 4 |

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post, ABC News and Ipsos. The poll includes a random sample of 2,589 U.S. adults. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

The questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheses within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

Ipsos conducted sampling, interviewing and tabulation for the survey using the KnowledgePanel, a nationwide survey panel designed to be representative of the U.S. adult population. KnowledgePanel members are recruited through probability sampling methods using address-based sampling. Panel members who do not have internet access are provided with a tablet and internet service. KnowledgePanel members receive a per survey incentive, usually the equivalent of \$1 (though for some it is \$2) in points that can be redeemed for cash or prizes.

In this poll, invitations were sent to 3,834 panelists, resulting in 2,589 completed interviews. In quality control, 56 respondents were removed for skipping half or more of the questions for which they were eligible or for completing the survey among the fastest 1 percent of interviews.

Ipsos used probability-proportional-to-size sampling to draw a national sample of adults using the KnowledgePanel matching U.S. population benchmarks. This survey uses

statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The following table shows unweighted, weighted and benchmark values for weighting variables in the Feb. 12-17, 2026, Washington Post-Ipsos poll.

The following table shows unweighted, weighted and benchmark values for weighting variables:

| | Unweighted | Weighted | Benchmark |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Age by sex | % | % | % |
| 18-29, Male | 7.9 | 10.1 | 10.1 |
| 18-29, Female | 8.1 | 9.9 | 9.9 |
| 30-44, Male | 12.3 | 13.1 | 13.1 |
| 30-44, Female | 11.6 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 45-59, Male | 11.9 | 11.3 | 11.3 |
| 45-59, Female | 12.0 | 11.5 | 11.5 |
| 60+, Male | 17.1 | 14.4 | 14.4 |
| 60+, Female | 19.1 | 16.7 | 16.7 |
| | | | |
| Race/ethnicity | | | |
| White/Non-Hispanic | 64.8 | 59.9 | 59.9 |
| Black/Non-Hispanic | 11.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| Other or 2+ Races/Non-Hispanic | 8.8 | 9.6 | 9.6 |
| Hispanic | 15.3 | 18.4 | 18.4 |
| | | | |
| Education | | | |
| Less than HS | 7.7 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
| HS graduate or equivalent | 27.3 | 28.4 | 28.4 |
| Some college | 25.1 | 26.2 | 26.2 |
| Bachelor's degree | 23.8 | 22.7 | 22.7 |
| Master's or above | 16.2 | 13.6 | 13.6 |
| | | | |
| Region by metro status | | | |
| Northeast, metro | 15.4 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| Northeast, non-metro | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Midwest, metro | 17.7 | 16.2 | 16.2 |
| Midwest, non-metro | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| South, metro | 33.8 | 33.2 | 33.2 |
| South, non-metro | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| West, metro | 19.7 | 21.4 | 21.4 |
| West, non-metro | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| | | | |
| Household income | | | |
| Under \$25,000 | 12.0 | 9.3 | 9.3 |
| \$25,000-\$49,999 | 14.5 | 13.5 | 13.5 |
| \$50,000-\$74,999 | 13.5 | 14.1 | 14.1 |
| \$75,000-\$99,999 | 13.2 | 12.1 | 12.1 |
| \$100,000-\$149,999 | 19.0 | 18.6 | 18.6 |
| \$150,000 and over | 27.8 | 32.4 | 32.4 |
| | | | |
| Language dominance | | | |
| Not Hispanic | 84.7 | 81.6 | 81.6 |

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|-------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Hispanic - English dominant | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| Hispanic - Bilingual | 8.1 | 9.6 | 9.7 |
| Hispanic - Spanish dominant | 2.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| | | | |
| 2024 presidential vote | | | |
| Donald Trump | 31.1 | 29.5 | 29.5 |
| Kamala Harris | 32.9 | 28.6 | 28.6 |
| Another candidate | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Did not vote/Refused | 34.9 | 40.9 | 40.9 |
| | | | |
| Party identification | | | |
| Democrat | 28.3 | 27.9 | 27.9 |
| Ind/Other - lean Democrat | 20.6 | 19.0 | 19.0 |
| Refused to lean | 6.6 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
| Ind/Other - lean Republican | 14.0 | 14.8 | 14.8 |
| Republican | 30.6 | 30.1 | 30.1 |

Sources:

- Census Bureau Current Population Survey 2025 March Supplement (age by sex, race/ethnicity, education, region by metro status, household income)
- Census Bureau 2024 American Community Survey (language dominance)
- Associated Press tabulation of certified results (2024 presidential vote)

Political party identification benchmarks are from the 2025 NPORS annual survey, with a midyear adjustment estimated across aggregated KnowledgePanel surveys accounting for changes in panelists' party identification over time.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.09 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures.

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